

EMERGENCY ACT ENFORCEMENT DAILY REPORT

Update 3 - February 19, 2022

Highlights	February 18: enforcement activities escalated significantly in Ottawa. This included approximately 150 arrests for <i>Criminal Code</i> violations related to the unlawful protest and the towing of 38 vehicles. The RCMP reported 27 more vehicles to financial institutions and the freezing of 39 financial products. Financial Services providers have now frozen at least \$3,688,783 in a mix of 145 retail and corporate accounts.
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This daily Situation Report provides a strategic overview of the concrete enforcement actions taken by the Government of Canada pursuant to the authorities granted under the *Emergency Act* and associated Orders in Council (Information current as of **18 February, 20:00hrs**).

Enforcement Actions

Releasable information:

- **Media** reports approximately **150 arrests** were made for *Criminal Code* offenses in Ottawa related to the unlawful protest between Friday 18 February and noon today. This included reports of assaults on officers and police horses during operations.
- As of noon on Saturday, the **Ottawa Police Service** reported **38 vehicles** have been towed in total since operations began on February 18. Several individuals and vehicles left the area voluntarily.
- **The Ottawa Police Service** laid charges against several prominent protesters including offenses such as mischief, disobeying a court order, and obstruction of police.
- The implementation of finance-related measures under the *Emergency Economic Measures Order* has resulted in Financial Services providers freezing at least **145 accounts** and approximately **\$3,688,783**.
- **FINTRAC's** pre-registration process includes **17** pre-registration forms (+3) and 23 inquiries received on the impact of the proclamation, primarily from small and medium-sized banks (unchanged).

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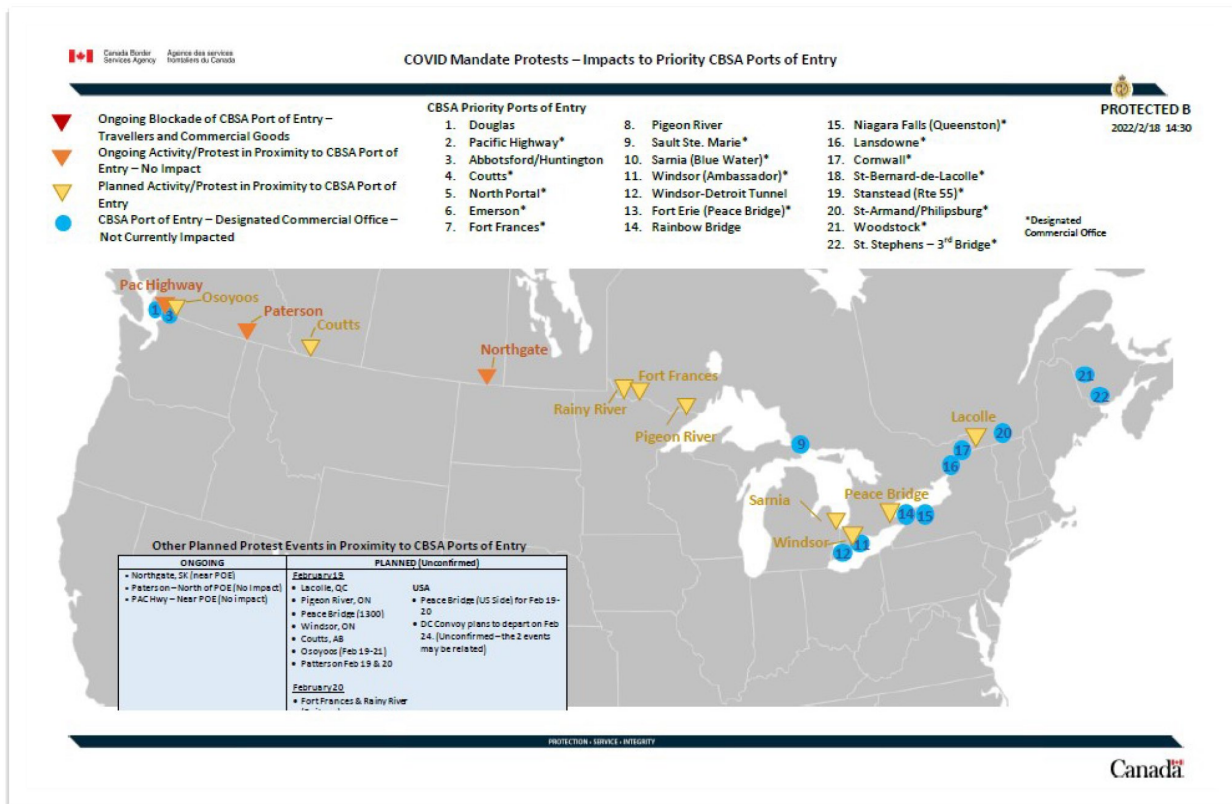
- The **RCMP** has reported **56** entities to financial institutions including 17 individuals and **39** vehicles. This represents an increase of **27 vehicles** since Feb 18. **39 financial products** were frozen, **four** of which were done proactively.
- The **Department of Finance** reports frozen accounts have increased by **84** and approximately **\$1,005,783** since Feb 18.
- The **RCMP** has reported \$3,018,000 total in Crypto currency to exchange recipients including \$2.4M in 24 Crypto accounts and \$618K in 103 bitcoin addresses (unchanged).

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Supporting Activities

- The **Unified Command** in control of policing in Ottawa (OPS, OPP, RCMP) increased its compliment of law enforcement personnel and contingencies are in place with **6** provinces for more if required.
- The **CBSA** has enhanced vigilance and continues to monitor for potential protests at Ports of Entry this weekend. Coordination with the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies is ongoing to prepare to manage any large or small events and prevent travel to unlawful protests.
- **CBSA** conducted an Operational Blitz at the Port of Entry Lacolle (QC) on February 18 which included **13** Enhanced Vigilance Examinations on US travelers. No travelers were denied entry to Canada due to EA requirements.
- As of 18 Feb, an **Ontario Superior Court** judge indefinitely extended the injunction banning protesters from blockading the Ambassador Bridge.
- The **PSPC** has made space available for towed vehicles and is ready to hold them if they are officially seized. They are also working with the RCMP to deploy and install fencing and jersey barriers at additional locations in support of law enforcement operations.
- **Transport Canada** continues to support law enforcement with **3** NOTAMs currently in effect for Ottawa/Gatineau, Quebec City, and over Queens Park in Toronto this weekend (9 total since Jan 20). Investigations are ongoing into a number of observed NOTAM violations.



Communications

In his February 18 press conference, the interim Ottawa police Chief Steve Bell credited the federal Emergencies Act, the Ontario state of emergency, the local state of emergency and a court injunction for providing tools to help officers deal with protesters.

Invoking the Emergencies Act to keep Canadians safe

On Monday, February 14th, the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Ministers Lametti, Blair, and Mendicino announced that our government is invoking the Emergencies Act to supplement Provincial and Territorial authorities to address the blockades and occupation to keep Canadians safe, protect people's jobs, and restore confidence in our institutions.

For more information, see the key messages below.

Key Messages for Ministers (19 February, 2022):

- For three weeks now, blockades have been illegally disrupting the life of Canadians, harming our economy, and endangering public safety.
- We invoked the Emergencies Act to supplement Provincial and Territorial authorities to address the blockades and occupation to keep Canadians safe, protect people's jobs, and restore confidence in our institutions.
- The Act will strengthen and support the work by the police. We are not using the emergencies Act in order to deploy the military. We will not be suspending fundamental rights as articulated in the charter of rights and freedoms, nor are we limiting the right to peacefully protest or assemble.
- The police have now been given more tools to restore order in places where public assemblies can constitute illegal and dangerous activities, such as blockades and occupations as seen in Ottawa, Ambassador Bridge and elsewhere. These tools include strengthening their ability to impose fines or imprisonment. The government will designate secure-and-protect places and infrastructure that are critical to our economy and people's jobs, including border crossings and airports.
- We have seen recent successes of our law enforcement agencies with the situations now resolved in Windsor, at the Ambassador Bridge, at Coutts Alberta Port of Entry, and also at the Emerson, Manitoba border crossing. Over the past 24 hours, we have seen deliberate and professional enforcement action here in Ottawa.
- We have also seen progress in implementing finance-related measures under the *Emergency Economic Measures Order*. Under the powers of the Act, financial Services providers have frozen at least 76 accounts containing approximately \$3.2 million. Additionally, FINTRAC's pre-registration process is ongoing as it responds to several dozen inquiries received from small and medium-sized banks on the impact of the *Emergencies Act* orders.
- For those of you thinking of joining illegal protests, or setting up others across the country, we strongly suggest that you reconsider. We are calling on everyone to not jeopardize public peace or endanger yourselves or others by participating in purposefully illegal activities. There will be consequences for all criminal behavior related to the ongoing situations in Ottawa and across the country.

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RCMP Media Lines

Emergencies Act and Finance

- The *Emergencies Act* allows law enforcement and monitoring agencies to work more closely with Canadian financial institutions; enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement conducting investigations into blockades.
- It allows financial institutions to freeze financial products of individuals and companies suspected of involvement in the illegal acts mentioned in the law, and for law enforcement to share information with financial institutions for that purpose.
- Through the Act's powers, the RCMP is broadening the scope of Canada's anti-money laundering / anti-terrorist financing rules to now include crowdfunding platforms and the payment service providers, including digital assets. All crowd funding platforms and the payment service providers they use now must register with FINTRAC, and report large and suspicious transactions to FINTRAC.
- With regards to the enacting and application of the Economic Emergency Measure Order, the RCMP is diligently working with municipal and provincial partners, such as the Ottawa Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police, to collect relevant information on persons, vehicle and companies. To that effect, the RCMP and its partners have developed an internal process to corroborate and validate collected information prior to sharing it with financial institutions.
- The RCMP is in constant communication with the financial institutions to help them make the proper determination, as per the powers of the EEMO, before they take action to freeze financial products within holding. Thus far the RCMP has shared several information packages of persons, vehicles and companies involved directly or indirectly in an activity prohibited under the Order.
- Presently, the RCMP is aware that several accounts and other financial products have been subject to a freeze.
- It remains the responsibility of the banks to make the decision of freezing the accounts, not an order from the law enforcement.
- While we are using the measures in place, we will not be sharing the numbers of accounts frozen as operational actions are being taken, and we want to be very careful not to jeopardize any of those ongoing actions.
- We remain in daily communications with the financial institutions to assist them, when possible, to determine when assets can be unfrozen.